

## DoD/DHHS MH MOA PHS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### \*\*\*FOCUS AREA\*\*\*

Agency leadership has determined that this position meets Criteria 4: Assignment requires regular engagement with other uniformed services.

### \*\*\*POSITION TITLE\*\*\*

Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, (O-4 Billet, Non-Supervisory). Civilian Billet-GS-0610-12 equivalent.

### \*\*\*LOCATION DESCRIPTION\*\*\*

This position is located in the Directorate of Behavioral Health at Naval Medical Center San Diego.

At Naval Medical Center San Diego, our number one priority is providing the safest, highest quality patient-centered medical care for our veterans, service members and their families. Through visionary leadership and staff dedicated to the Team STEPPS approach, our hospital continues to shape the future of military medicine.

In 2014, we received more than 1.2 million outpatient visits, admitted more than 19,000 patients, and filled over 1.6 million prescriptions. Nearly 3,600 babies took their very first breaths here at NMCSO, including one who was born in our Courtyard!

NMCSO employs more than 6,000 active duty, civilians, contractors and volunteers working throughout the Southern California region. Our staff has a wide array of experience and educational background, coming to us from some of the finest medical learning institutions in the Nation – Harvard, Johns Hopkins, University of Pennsylvania, and others.

Accredited by the Joint Commission, NMCSO takes pride in serving those who serve. We are the only Navy Medicine amputee center in the Western Pacific. We also strive to obtain the most technologically advanced equipment to match the most-qualified staff to provide unmatched quality care. We are the only medical facility in San Diego that employs four state-of-the art “3T-Tesla” MRI units, which include ambient lighting and audio/visual equipment for a better patient experience. The image quality produced at the NMCSO MRI Center is outstanding, usually exceeding community standards.

Throughout its proud history, Naval Medical Center San Diego has established itself as a leader in the field of medicine. That reputation for excellence continues today as our staff propels NMCSO into the 21st century.

### \*\*\*CLOSING DATE\*\*\*

**Open until filled**

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### \*\*\* JOB DESCRIPTION\*\*\*

This position is that of a registered nurse and expert clinician with advanced educational preparation, expanded knowledge, and strong clinical expertise in mental healthcare delivery and health promotion. Certification in specialty areas is desired. The incumbent serves as a psychiatric nurse practitioner with a primary responsibility for providing comprehensive primary psychiatric/mental health care to patients through application of an advanced level of professional nursing competence. The incumbent carries out complex assignments using a variety of medical/nursing procedures to provide a broad range of direct primary psychiatric and mental health care services.

#### Major Duties and Responsibilities

Diagnosis and treats a wide range of mental health problems, including acute and chronic mental disorders.

Collects in-depth patient histories; performs physical examinations; assesses mental health needs; diagnoses and treats health and developmental problems; orders and interprets lab tests; prescribes medication and non-pharmacological therapies; and counsels patients and family members on mental health maintenance and care options.

Develops and implements a plan of care to meet patient mental health needs and provide treatment for mental illness and disorders.

Prescribes, manages, and monitors psychotropic (psychopharmacological) medications and other treatments.

Identifies patient mental health and medical educational needs, and provides comprehensive, personalized health education, individual/group/family therapy, and counseling to patients and their families on mental health diagnoses and treatment, health maintenance, and wellness.

Maintains awareness of available community mental health resources and utilizes or refers patients to those resources as appropriate.

Consults and collaborates with physicians and other members of the health care team in providing comprehensive mental health care to patients, referring more complex cases to psychiatrists or other physician specialists.

Provides direction, guidance, and oversight to other health care personnel.

Provides psychosocial support to patients and family members. Consults with and refers patients to appropriate specialty providers and command and community resources as necessary.

Participates in departmental continuous improvement programs and processes.

Performs all other duties procedures and assignments as directed by the Nurse Leader and/or

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Medical Director of specialty area.

Applies computer skills in the performance of duties. Utilizes personal computers, internet, AHLTA and CHCS computer systems for data retrieval, clinical documentation and research.

### CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Be a Board Certified Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner;

Be a Registered professional nurse with current license;

Has Master's Degree from a recognized nurse practitioner program;

Has completed a minimum of two years post licensure practice within the mental health field

SECRET Clearance or ability to obtain a SECRET Clearance

### \*\*\*CONTACT INFORMATION\*\*\*

Interested USPHS Commissioned Corps officers should forward a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and last three COERS via email to CDR Jena Vedder, [Jennifer.a.vedder.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Jennifer.a.vedder.mil@mail.mil)